

## South Coast Region Instructions for Family and Women's Special Pheasant Hunts – 2002-2003 Year



## **Application Process**

- 1. Family, Junior, and *Women's* Pheasant Hunts are sponsored by the Department of Fish and Game with assistance from local sporting organizations. These hunts are available at no charge to the licensed hunter, except at the Imperial Wildlife and San Jacinto Wildlife Areas, where a nominal fee for adults is required.
- 2. Hunts are open to anyone holding a valid California Hunting License and Upland Game Bird Stamp.
  - A "Family" can be anyone, up to a group of four individuals. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Any person alone may be paired up with another hunter or hunting group.
  - A "Junior" is a person under the age of 16 years old at the time the hunting license is purchased. A non-hunting adult must accompany a junior hunter.
  - "Women's" hunts offer women only a chance to learn new hunting skills, assisted with dog handlers.
- 3. All applications for the Special Hunts must be received by the posted deadline date to be considered for the draw. Applications may be mailed or faxed. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Hunters may apply only once for the FAMILY HUNT, either as an applicant or as a guest. Juniors MAY APPLY FOR A FAMILY AND JUNIOR HUNT. Women MAY APPLY FOR A FAMILY AND WOMEN'S HUNT. (Use a separate application for each). Applications are selected via a computer-generated random draw. All completed applications have an equal chance of being selected.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have a hunt redemption certificate from attending a Hunter Safety class, you <u>must</u> mail it in with your application; faxed certificates <u>will not</u> be accepted.

## NOTE: Applications must be received by September 1, 2002 to be eligible for the drawing.

Late applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis if hunt spaces are still available.

- 4. Only applicants successfully drawn and their guests named on the application will be allowed to hunt. No substitute hunters will be permitted.
- 5. It is the intention of the Special Pheasant Hunt program to provide **free** pheasant hunt opportunities to as many hunters as possible. Therefore, a person may enter the drawing only once, either as an applicant or a guest hunter. Applicants may be selected for an additional hunt should any slots remain unfilled.
- Applicants and their guests will only be considered for the hunts they select. Up to ten hunt choices may be identified in the order of preference. Applicants who are not drawn to receive a "First Choice" will be drawn for their second and/or third choice, etc. (It is anticipated that by marking up to ten selections, all hunters will be accommodated).
- 7. Successful applicants will be mailed a confirmation letter, map, and specific information about the hunt prior to the hunt date.

## PHEASANT HUNT CERTIFICATES

Recent Hunter Education Program graduates (in southern California) may have received a <u>Pheasant Hunt Certificate</u>. This certificate, when submitted with the respective Pheasant Hunt application, prior to the deadline date, entitles the applicant (and guests) to receive the hunt of their choice without participating in the random drawing.

Questions? Call (562) 590-5100